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EXPECT 5-YEAR CONTRACTS FOR OUR FARM PRODUCTS

Large Attendance Likely at U.F.A. Convention

OTTAWA BELIEVES LONDON MISSION WILL BE FRUITFUL

**Strong Delegation Leaves Canada
This Week to Join Minister
of Agriculture**

YEAR 1945 REVIEWED

**Declines in Field Production—
Farmers' Income Below
Peak Year of 1944**

By M. McDougall
(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

OTTAWA, Jan. 2nd.—It is believed here that there is quite a fair prospect that our delegation to London may return with the five-year contracts they are after.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2nd.—It would be "pulling a long bow" to say that the year just ended has been a very satisfactory one for the agricultural industry in Canada. Reviewing the crop figures for 1945 the toll taken by unfavorable weather at seeding and at harvest time, and drought conditions in a fairly wide section of the grain growing Provinces, is seen to have been pretty extensive.

Decline in Field Crops

The wheat harvest of 308,610,000 bushels was about 127,000,000 below 1944. Similarly the oats crop of 378,261,000 was about 121,000,000 below the figure for the year below while barley showed a decline of 20 per cent. There were corresponding decreases in the other field crops, rye, mixed grains, corn, flaxseed, etc.

The wheat yield dropped from 18.7 to 13.2, oats from 34.9 to 26.3, barley from 26.7 to 21.3, and rye from 13.2 to 12.2. Roots and fodder crops were correspondingly down. The only increases of any consequence were in hay and clover (with a yield of 17,892,000 tons compared with 15,102,000 tons in 1944), in alfalfa (3,880,000 tons compared with 3,670,000 tons), and in sugar beets.

All these declines are reflected in farmers' income from field crops, which according to first estimates will be in the neighborhood of \$1,099,000,000 compared with \$1,321,308,000 for the year 1944. The wheat crop in the Prairie Provinces yielded approximately \$326,800,000, about \$133,400,000 below the 1944 figure.

The decline in the production of coarse grains is unquestionably the main contributory factor in the reduction of 35.2 per cent in hog marketings during the year. It is to be noted, however, that up to December 15th, Canada has exported 445,289,000 lbs. of bacon to Britain. The agreement was to ship a minimum of 450,000,000 lbs., and apparently by the end of the year this minimum figure will be slightly exceeded.

Beef Somewhat Better

The beef situation has presented a

British Statesman in Canada



As we go to press, a member of the British Labor Government, the Right Hon. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, (above), is commencing a tour of the Dominion. He will visit eastern cities in the United States and Canada. At Ottawa he will be guest of honour of the Government at a banquet. Mr. Morrison is in charge of plans for post-war reconstruction in Britain. He has had a romantic career. Starting as an errand boy, he was successively a shop assistant, telephone operator, and deputy circulation manager of a newspaper. He became secretary of the London Labor Party. Elected to the London County Council, he was its chairman when Winston Churchill, forming a new war government as Hitler attacked in the West, invited him to enter the Cabinet. Mr. Morrison was Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security until the war-time coalition was ended. In the picture he is seen as he gave a talk in the British Broadcasting Company's overseas short wave service.

somewhat better picture, with shipments of 166,000,000 lbs. The inspected slaughtering of cattle amounted to 1,791,748 (to December 23rd) compared with 1,328,059 in the same period of 1944. In addition to the beef exports, about 10,000,000 pounds of lamb and mutton, over 9,000,000 of offals and nearly 100,000,000 lbs. of canned meats were shipped abroad. Of the canned meat shipments, over one half went to UNRRA to help in the great humanitarian task of feeding the suffering peoples of Europe.

Greece, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Albania and Russia were the recipients of this aid, while the armed forces received about 17,000,000 lbs., and about 31,000,000 lbs. or slightly more were exported to Britain, France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

The farm income from all sources in 1945 will be considerably below the all time high figure of \$1,751,700,000 reached in 1944, which was about \$1,000,000,000 over 1938, the year before the war.

The farmers of Canada are entering 1946, however, with assured markets for all they can produce. The agreements with Britain, the primary market for the produce of Canadian farms, are the same as those in force in

Strong Delegation to Britain

Whether similar arrangements are to continue is another question, but it would be wise to keep our eyes on the strong delegation that will be carrying on negotiations in Britain. J. G. Gardiner, the Minister of Agriculture, is already in London, and he will soon be joined by J. A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce. When the Queen Mary sails at the end of this week, she will have on board J. S. H. Barton, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Dean A. M. Shaw, head of the Marketing Board, J. F. Singleton, head of the Dairy Products Board, and W. A. Brown, head of the Poultry Products Division of the Department.

It has been intimated in some quarters that Mr. Gardiner has already begun negotiations for five-year agreements with Britain. It would appear that some such agreements would be practical, with the important proviso that the necessary financial arrangements can be fixed up.

Credits to Britain Benefit Canada

It is to be borne in mind that Canada is most favorably inclined to assist Britain with large credits and of course it isn't helping Britain alone by taking this course. It means

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AMALGAMATION IS MAJOR QUESTION FOR CONVENTION

**Records of Recent Years in Attendance May Be Broken—
Crucial Issues**

MANY RESOLUTIONS

**Program of Broadcasts—Prominent Speakers to Address
U.F.A. and U.F.W.A.
Gatherings**

It is considered probable that the Thirty-seventh Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, to be held in the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, from Tuesday to Friday of next week, January 8th to 11th inclusive, will break recent records in attendance. Interest in the major issue—Amalgamation—is widespread. Moreover, the post-war problems of Agriculture promise to be many and acute, and farm people are re-awakening to the necessity for action, not only through their commercial companies, but through primary organization.

Resolutions already received, for consideration by the Convention, number about a hundred, and new resolutions are being sent in from day to day. The U.F.W.A. Convention, to be held simultaneously with the main convention, with some joint sessions, will have before it an important and well balanced program. Registration will commence on Monday, January 7th, in the Central Office, 125 Eleventh Ave. East, closing for the day about 8:30 p.m. That evening there will be an entertainment for all delegates and visitors in the Labor Temple.

Hear These Broadcasts

Addresses of President George E. Church of the U.F.A.; of Mrs. Winifred Ross, President of the U.F.W.A., and of the Junior President, Keith Rosenberger, will be broadcast from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., Jan. 8th, and that of Hon. J. E. Brownlee, K.C., LL.D., from 8 to 9 p.m. on Jan. 9th, over CFCN and CFRN. On January 10th the Annual Dance will be broadcast over the Western Network, C.B.C., 9 to 9:30 p.m. That covers the broadcasting program.

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 8th, a round table discussion on "Trends in World Affairs" will be led by Alexander Calhoun, D. W. Clapperton and W. N. Smith. J. G. Taggart, chairman of the Agricultural Price Control Board, will speak during the afternoon of Thursday, Jan. 10th.

Among U.F.W.A. Convention speakers will be Helen Magill, of the C.B.C.; Leonard Bercuson, secretary of the Alberta Association for Adult Education; Captain K. George Thring, former President of the Junior U.F.A.; Hon. J. E. Brownlee, on "Legal Status of Women". Directors will present their reports.



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SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "More Milk from Every Cow."



Seasonal Problems

By HARRY PRICE,
Plant Superintendent, C.A.D.P. Condensery

Winter has come with a vengeance this year and with it have come the problems peculiar to the season. From our standpoint the most serious problem is frozen milk.

Means Smaller Cheque

The loss to the shipper should be more generally realized. The Condensery lose large quantities of butterfat each winter season through the shipper allowing his milk to freeze before putting it on the stand. The result of this practice is that the shipper loses a part of his butterfat which results in a lowering of his average test and a smaller cheque in consequence.

We fully realize your difficulties, and we are doing our share in helping you overcome them. As soon as the colder weather came we altered our trucking schedule so that the first milk pick-up would not be before 8:00 a.m. This later time should give the shipper ample time to have his milk on the stand in good condition a short time before the pick-up truck is expected.

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DDT as a Dairy Farm Insecticide

By Dr. E. M. SEARL,
University of Wisconsin

EDIT. NOTE: A great deal has been written about D.D.T.; some of the results obtained by using this war-time discovery were very remarkable; so we herewith re-print a portion of Dr. Searl's article which has appeared in various technical journals:

Useful in Dairy Barn

DDT can be very useful in the dairy barn. Applied to the walls, stanchions, ceiling and other advantageous places by a suitable sprayer which does not produce a drifting fog, a five per cent solution of DDT in kerosene will kill flies in a dairy barn or in a milk room for several weeks. There is no exact rule to follow in using the spray. Simply spray the desired surfaces until they glisten with kerosene. Any more will run off and be lost. Any less will not kill long enough after the kerosene evaporates. It is not necessary to spray all the area in the barn or milk room for fly control. Spraying two-thirds or three-fourths of the area is enough. Sooner or later the flies will alight on a sprayed area and be killed. Spraying the whole area is quicker, of course.

Spraying Animals

As pointed out above, DDT alone is not a repellent and cannot be depended upon to keep cows free from all biting flies. It is possible, though, to remove horn flies from a herd almost entirely and to reduce stable flies to a very low number by spraying the animals with the five per cent kerosene solution. Great care must be used in the spraying. It is dangerous to soak a cow or other farm animal with kerosene, even without the chemical. About an ounce, evenly applied over the body of the animal, will produce an effective covering for some days. It will not stop stable flies or deer flies or horse flies from biting. It does not act fast enough for that, but if the residue is still active, the flies will never come back. Sooner or later, if the spraying is continued, there will be very few flies. Residues of DDT are not effective for long periods upon cows in the pasture. Fresh residues must be applied at suitable intervals.

DDT will not prevent grasshoppers or bees or other insects from flying into milk pails or other milking equipment from open or screenless windows. Also, it will not prevent beetles from infested grain bins from getting into the milk. There will still be some tasks in insect control and prevention for the dairy farmer.

There is good reason to believe that DDT, in some of the many forms in which it may be used, will prove an effective control of the lice, mites and ticks which live upon the bodies of domestic animals.

Caution in Using DDT

It will be necessary to use DDT with great caution about milk and milk products. In the dairy barn, the milk room, and the manufacturing and processing plant, it will be necessary to prevent DDT either as a dust or a spray from falling into or coming into contact with milk and dairy products. A little DDT may not be poisonous to humans, but a little DDT, just like a little of any other foreign material in dairy products, is extraneous matter and the product becomes adulterated.

It is not necessary for effective insect control to apply DDT spray or powder to dairy products or to

utensils used in dairy manufacture. In order to obtain the best results, the spray or powder should be applied to the areas and places in the buildings where insects rest or hide. It would be neither effective nor desirable to spray the dairy products. It would be particularly unwise to spray dairy products or dairy utensils with a spray which consists mostly of kerosene. Dairy products quickly absorb the odor of kerosene and retain it for a long time.

Careful Studies Necessary

It may be a few years before we will know just how and when and on what crops we may use DDT for agricultural purposes. It is such a powerful insecticide and it kills insects for such a long time that some careful studies may be necessary before we can use it generally in the orchards, on the garden and in the fields. A spray which kills all the honey bees and prevents a set of fruit would not be of much use to an orchardist even if it kills all the insects in the orchard.

We do not know as yet that DDT will kill all insects. Like most other insecticides, it may be quite selective in its action. We would not want to use a chemical which kills all the natural enemies of a serious pest but only kills a few of the pests. This would seriously upset the balance which nature tries to maintain, and leave us worse off than before.

We do not have to concern ourselves about the balance of insect life in nature where the destruction of the insects of the household or the dairy

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or other food producing plants is concerned. We do not disturb this balance when we destroy all of the insects which live upon domestic animals. It seems now that DDT will do the things for us almost completely and without ill effect when it is used cautiously and properly. Dairy industry in particular may confidently expect a great deal from DDT.

Loyal Member Passes

We were grieved at the news of O. J. Miller's death recently at Hespero. Mr. Miller had been a member of the C.A.D. Pool for many years, and the management and staff of the Condensery extend to the family their heartfelt sympathy in their tragic loss.

Between Friends . . .

By THE FIELDMAN

By far the most frequent question that is asked of me by our patrons is: "Why do our milk tests vary, sometimes to a very considerable degree?"

This question has been the subject of countless investigations by various authorities during the last few years and their findings have been by no means unanimous except that it is an established fact that a cow's milk will vary in butterfat content during her lactation period.

Some of the reasons put forward were highly technical and would convey little to you and me. However, I was discussing this question with one of our successful dairymen a few days ago, and we were agreed upon the main reasons that will cause variation in milk tests.

Upon going through my friend's records, which have been carefully kept for the last fifteen years, it was established that the period of 60-90 days after freshening showed a gradual drop in butterfat content, the lowest point being reached about 90 days after freshening. From this point the tests remained fairly constant, except for periods when the weather was cold and wet, which caused a drop in test. The reason for the decline over a 60-90 day period is that during the interval between drying up and freshening the animal builds up its constitution and puts on flesh, and that is, what would normally go into the pail during milking, is at this period being absorbed into the system in the form of fat. At freshening the excess fat will gradually disperse and will go into the pail in the form of butterfat, and this process will normally be completed at the end of 60 to 90 days.

There are many other contributing

causes as well, which are better known—so we will leave it at that, unless you write and take issue with me on this.

In our next issue Mr. Johnstone will contribute an article, which will be read with great interest by all of us. It will deal with the recent findings and recommendations of the Commission appointed to investigate Taxation of Co-operatives.

We received a request from the Menaik district that we supply a speaker for their January meeting, so we will be represented at the Manitou schoolhouse January 9th. It is a pleasure for us to accept these invitations as we usually have a very interesting time, with the question period usually being the highlight of the evening.

By the way, if you've any empty Betalasses barrels, please return them by our truck—we can only obtain Betalasses if we take down the empties for filling.

SEASONAL PROBLEMS

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Anxious to Give Best Service

The boys who pick up your milk are anxious to give you the best possible service and they try to run as close to schedule as is possible. There are times, however, when road conditions are bad, and it is difficult to give as good a service as we would like, and we ask the co-operation and understanding of our patrons in this respect.

On our trips around our trucking routes we have found several things that should be corrected.

For instance, if every shipper would erect a stand close to the road we could give quicker and better service. The boys who drive the trucks should not be expected to lift full cans of milk off the ground. It takes extra time and causes unnecessary physical fatigue and good milk haulers are hard to find.

Every Extra Trip Costs Money

Truckers should not be expected to drive into your yard and pick up the milk from a variety of places. Operating trucks is an expensive business, and every extra trip costs money, so that every saving we can make by your co-operation in these matters will be reflected in larger returns to each of our patrons. We are very anxious to give you good service and any suggestions from our friends will be welcomed. Just drop a line to N. K. Kirkham at Red Deer, who will give your letter immediate attention.

Current Comment

1. Of Special Interest to the Poultry Raisers: The 1946 program for eggs for overseas shipment has now been released:

For winter and spring fresh eggs, 900,000 cases.

For storage for fall delivery, 600,000 cases.

Fall fresh eggs, 250,000 cases.

The prices are very approximately the same as a year ago. This means that all of our members who raise poultry for the production of eggs can produce with assurance that the price they will receive for their eggs will be in line with what they received in 1945.

2. More About Old Country Food Rationing:

BUTTER—The weekly ration of butter and margarine remains unchanged at 6 oz. Commencing 11th November, the consumer had the option of taking 3 oz. of butter and 3 oz. margarine. To facilitate distribution, the increased butter ration will be allocated in alternate weeks by giving 4 oz. butter and 2 oz. margarine. In addition, a supplementary (Continued on page 8)



THE WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD FARMERS' BULLETIN

POULTRY PRICES

Effective December 1, the markup allowed primary producers of poultry was adjusted so that their maximum price on sales direct to consumers is the same as the retailer's ceiling price.

A wholesaler who ships by express at the buyer's request may, as before, add the difference between freight and express charges to his maximum price. But if the shipment is 1000 lbs. or more, and the shipper wishes to add the excess of express over freight charges, he must obtain prior approval for the shipment from the Administrator of Meat or Meat Products.

When in doubt as to price, zone boundary or other poultry regulations, write or telephone your local or regional office of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

RATIONED MEAT IN LOCKERS

All locker patrons placing rationed meat or meat products in lockers are required to obtain from the locker operator Form RB-219, "Statement of Meat Put in Commercial Locker or Cold Storage". They must complete forms, giving full details, and then take or mail them either to the Branch of the Ration Administration, or leave them at the office of their Local Ration Board.

A farmer may sell meat only to other farmers or to licensed slaughterers. If he sells to other farmers, one "M" coupon must be collected for each 4 pounds of meat sold even if it is necessary to collect coupons not yet valid. When he sells to a licensed slaughterer, he must not sell less than a quarter of beef or a side of pork, and he must obtain a ration cheque from such slaughterer to cover the number of pounds of meat sold. The Wholesale Meat Chart (RB-88/2) must be used to determine the number of coupons shown on the cheque.

He must turn in to his Local Ration Board at the end of each month coupons both for meat consumed in his own household and for meat sold. When sending in these coupons, he need not send more than half the valid "M" coupons in the ration books of the household, but he must send in coupons or ration cheques for every pound of meat sold to other farmers or licensed slaughterers.

SUGAR-PRESERVES RATION COMBINED

Beginning January 1, 1946, preserves and sugar may be purchased with one kind of coupon; that is, coupons which have so far been valid for sugar will become valid also for preserves. The new plan will enable those who wish to buy more preserves to do so and will permit greater use of Ration Book 5. It is in line with the Board's policy of simplifying the ration procedure.

Under the plan all valid and unused pink coupons marked "sugar" can be used for the purchase of the following:

Sugar	1 pound	or
Jam, jelly, marmalade, fountain fruits, cranberry sauce, honey butter	24 fl. oz.	or
Honey (Extracted or cut comb)	4 pounds	or
Corn, cane or blended table syrup	30 fl. oz.	or
Molasses	80 fl. oz.	or
Canned fruit	40 fl. oz.	or
Maple Syrup	48 fl. oz.	or
Maple Sugar	4 pounds	

In February the last of the pink "sugar" coupons will be validated, and then "S" coupons are to be used for sugar-preserves purchases.

All unused preserves and "P" coupons will continue to hold their 1945 value for preserves or the half-pound of sugar and all these coupons will expire January 31, 1946.

The allotment of sugar for home canning will be the same as in 1945, ten pounds per person, and will be provided by declaring valid ten separate coupons, good for one pound of sugar each, during the months when most home canning is done. The coupons may be used, as in 1945, for the purchase of either sugar or preserves on the same basis as other regular coupons.

FARMERS' RATION COUPONS

Coupons covering farmers' sales or farm household consumption of meat and butter, and sales of honey and maple products must be forwarded to Local Ration Boards in primary producers' envelopes (RB-61). Reports for December should reach the Local Ration Boards not later than January 10. Following are the valid coupon dates for January:

	Butter	Meat	Sugar-Preserves
January 3	—	18	—
" 10	136	19	—
" 17	137	20	68, 69
" 24	138	21	—
" 31	—	22	—

For further details of any of the above orders, apply to the nearest office of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

A SPECIAL NOTE TO OUR MEMBERS WHO RAISE TURKEYS

We have just completed our dressed turkey packing season and we are impressed with the improved pack that is possible where the turkey birds are the Broad Breasted type.

We have made inquiries and can secure for our members for next year a limited quantity of well bred Mammoth Bronze Broad Breasted turkey gobblers. If you are interested, would you please contact us rightaway or, if that is not convenient, speak to your closest branch manager.

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IMPLEMENTING UNITY

If the United Farmers of Alberta should adopt the resolution favoring amalgamation which has already been passed by the Alberta Farmers' Union and the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, the way will have been paved for unity; but the constitution of the new, united organization will still remain to be determined. It will, of course, be necessary to amend the constitution of the A.F.A. in important particulars. Alberta farm people, therefore, may with advantage give thought to this matter during the coming months.

The article by Mr. Love, entitled "What Comes After Amalgamation?" is published as a contribution to the discussion. As such we believe it will be found of genuine interest and value to our readers. We do not suggest that a form of organization that has proved satisfactory to meet conditions in Ontario—or for that matter the form of organization adopted by any other Province or State—will necessarily or entirely meet our conditions as well as it meets theirs. In fact, we realize that there are some important differences between conditions prevailing in the farm movement in Ontario and those in Alberta. There have been in Ontario, for instance, no farmers' co-operatives comparable in magnitude or length of experience with some of the larger Alberta co-operatives. In other words, development in this field is more advanced here, and this difference may be reflected in the kind of constitution that may be found suitable for this Province.

We shall have to take into account in Alberta our own history and our own specific needs. It is well worth while, nevertheless, to study what others have done and are doing, with a view to selecting for use in the building of our own Federation whatever may be found advantageous in the constitutions of these others.

MORE ITEMS FOR BALANCE SHEET

In our last issue we dealt with some important items in the international balance sheet of the Second World War. At this time we propose to carry the discussion into a new field.

What shall be said of the contribution of the Russian people, in blood and tears? A few figures from a recent article by William Mandel in *The New Republic* of New York may help us to a fair appraisal of it.

"With at least five million soldiers dead and the millions of civilians who died of starvation and disease," writes Mr. Mandel, "it is probably an underestimate to say that the Soviet population has been reduced by ten million. America and the British Empire together lost about 600,000."

Our own Canadian casualties in the war have been grievous. Of those in the field, 41,371 were killed or died in service. Adding 332 missing, the total is raised to 41,703. These are grave and tragic losses of the best of our manhood.

But if Canada, with her population of eleven and a half million, had suffered losses proportionate to those of Russia with her 180 million people, our total number of killed in the Armed Forces would have been more than 300,000; and service and civilian deaths combined would have been well over 600,000.

In the light of the statistics quoted by Mr.

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW

In 1945 we saw

A world conflict closing,
And powerful nations closer draw
For future wars' opposing.

From 1946 we ask

That wisdom's counsels guide them,
And in their great and solemn task
No selfish aims divide them.

'Twas 1945 laid bare

The fearful introduction
Of power that bids man war forswear
Or court his own destruction.

May 1946 reject

This weapon's imputations,
And from its peaceful use direct
Great plenty through all nations.

In 1945 we ploughed

The furrow for the sowing
Of seeds to see mankind endowed
With peace beyond our knowing.

May 1946 befriend

The precious crop now sprouting,
And all its tender shoots defend
Against mistrust and doubting.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

Mandel, we should be able in some measure to understand why the Soviet Union has been anxious to recoup her losses at the expense of the enemy. Should any of us be inclined, like Dorothy Thompson, to complain that the Russians have been too "harsh" in their requisitioning of machinery and farm supplies and equipment in Eastern Germany—if our recollection is correct, she wrote of "robbery"—perhaps these figures may assist us in our efforts to form a balanced judgment:

"The people of the liberated Soviet areas have not only had their housing standards reduced by a third; their food supply and the means of raising it has been cut by more than half. The Russians were able to evacuate little machinery."

The Germans stole or destroyed 137,000 tractors out of 200,000 in the area they occupied, and 49,000 harvester combines out of 60,000. "Of minor machines they seized 60 to 70 per cent, mainly for conversion into scrap for their steel furnaces. The numbers are vast: four million plows, harrows and other agricultural implements; 265,000 seeders; 885,000 mowers, threshers and other harvesting equipment."

Of the 88 million people—nearly half the population—who came under German domination, 25 million had their homes burned or blasted to the ground. Six million homes and public buildings were destroyed, four million of them privately owned.

The Germans also requisitioned (and generally slaughtered) "1.5 million horses; 9 million cattle; 12 million hogs and 13 million sheep and goats." Mr. Mandel points out that these figures represent half of all livestock lost.

If blood be the price which is required to pay for the right to play a major role in determining the character of the future world organization for peace, then, it must be admitted, the Russians

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What Comes After Amalgamation?

By J. R. LOVE

Assuming that the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, the United Farmers of Alberta, and the Alberta Farmers' Union decide to amalgamate, what will be the pattern of the new organization? A year ago it was my privilege to address seven county Federations of Agriculture, in various parts of Ontario. I was much impressed with the strength and solidarity of the farm movement in Ontario and feel that the Ontario plan of organization might be of much interest to Alberta farm leaders.

The Set-Up.—At the present time the Ontario Federation of Agriculture comprises forty County Federations of Agriculture; six Agricultural Organizations and seventeen co-operative and marketing organizations. Each of these affiliated groups is entitled to one director on the Provincial Board. The administration of the Federation is in the hands of an executive of twelve members—six elected by county federations and six from commodity organizations and co-operatives. The six from the county federation on the executive, includes a director for the junior section and a director for the women's section. In 1944, fifty per cent of the Federation's budget of \$15,000 was raised from commodity and co-operative members of the Federation and fifty per cent from the county federations. This year the budget is set at \$25,000.

County Federations.—These are real farm family setups and have active activities for farm young people and the women's section. Farm improvement, rural electrification, rural education and rural health facilities, receive special attention of county federations. The Radio Farm Forum has made a real contribution to building the Federation in the rural homes of Ontario. These forums average eighteen to nineteen regular members.

In Ontario, it is estimated that ten thousand farm people, organized in forums, listen to the Monday farm radio forum through the winter months. Through the county federation and its local farm forums, the farmers of Ontario are getting right down to earth on economic and social problems affecting agriculture. There is marked enthusiasm for the Federation and through the young people, new leadership is being developed and trained to serve various branches of the farm movement.

Organization.—While the Provincial Federation, with the assistance of the major co-operatives, has special organizers, covering the Province, the county federations, in some cases, employ as many as six organizers for the county. These are young people who have shown leadership ability and are paid expenses while on organization work during the time they can spare from farm work. The county federations sponsor well planned recreational activities for young and old, which are lacking in so many rural areas.

Agricultural Representatives.—In Ontario, the Provincial Department of Agriculture has an Agricultural Representative in each county. (Similar to our district agriculturists in Alberta.)

In every county I visited, the Agricultural Representative works hand-in-hand with the County Federation. The Federation backs the Agricultural Representative with his various farm and livestock improvement programs and the Agricultural Representative, with his assistants, works day and night helping to organize local county co-operatives of all types and assists in building up the strength and membership in the county federation. The Federation, itself, does not assume responsibility for any particular co-operative project, but once a co-operative is set up with its own organizing officers,

the Federation puts all its force behind it in its drive for membership and capital.

The Rural Press.—The County Federation has become so popular, that in many counties it has the wholehearted support of the rural press. Local newspapers, in many cases, feature a regular section devoted to "Federation News" at no cost to the organization.

Provincial Convention.—The Annual Convention of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture is attended by official delegates. The forty county federations and the twenty-three agricultural and co-operative organizations have the right to appoint four voting delegates each, in addition to the director. In the case of county federations, at least one delegate shall be a junior and one shall be a woman. This provides for an annual meeting of about three hundred voting delegates, representing leaders in every section of the farming community.

Work of the Federation.—The work of the Federation is divided into two sections. The study section and the action section. Through the study section, associated with the farm radio forums, social and economic problems are analysed and discussed. Farm opinion on many subjects and problems are registered in resolutions that are forwarded to the Provincial office for further action. Through the

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Provincial office the views of Ontario farmers may be ascertained on a Provincial-wide basis. From the Provincial office resolutions and proposals are forwarded to the National office of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

Plans for organization in the fields of producer and consumer co-operation as well as credit unions generally originate in the county units. The action section of the Federation functions when decisions are made to promote special co-operative projects. Separate boards are set up for each type of co-operative. The Federation offers its full support to any co-operative undertaking but will not itself assume responsibility for any commercial

activities. **Non-Political.**—The Federation is non-political and by keeping free of both direct political action as well as direct responsibility for commercial activities, it hopes to unite the farmers of Ontario into an economic organization whose strength shall be heeded when seeking legislation vital to the welfare and progress of the agricultural industry.

Membership Fees.—In 1943, the Provincial Government of Ontario passed an amendment to the Municipal Act permitting Township Councils to collect annual membership fees to the County Federation of Agriculture in the same manner as social service

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A Tribute and A Welcome

For thirty-seven years the United Farmers of Alberta have been holding annual Conventions. That carries the organization well back into the pioneer days of agriculture.

Season after season, year after year, the "U.F.A." has steadily pursued its course. It has had periods of brilliant achievement and times of adversity. It remains a power for good in Alberta's agricultural affairs.

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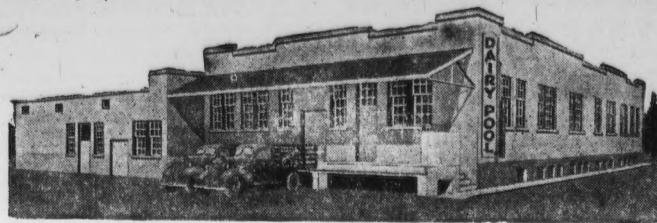
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Tribute to the Cream Producer

By T. H. BOND,

Second Vice-President of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool

We hope that this fine tribute to those whose work, in Mr. Bond's vividly expressive words, "is too darned daily", will be widely read, not only by men and women in the dairy industry, but by large numbers of other citizens who too often fail to appreciate just what sacrifice and hardship is so often involved, in the work required every day in the year, in the production of one of the prime necessities of healthful living. Mr. Bond is a Vice-President of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool.—Editor.

WHEN I looked at the thermometer one early winter morning and found the temperature was 20 degrees below zero, I immediately felt sorry for myself. The prospects ahead of me were anything but cheery. I had a string of cows in the barn that were waiting to be fed and milked. The barn at such low temperatures was not the most comfortable place to linger in. I immediately thought of the many Cream Producers throughout the Province that were facing the same chores, under much the same conditions, in poorly lighted, poorly ventilated, and poorly constructed barns; and then I thought, "There are quite a few kind things that ought to be said, but somehow or other are not said, of the fellow whose work is too darned daily."

Hardships and Difficulties

The herculean effort that has gone into producing the great volume of Butter that Canada has required during this war has never been recognized or appreciated. Through the columns of *The Western Farm Leader* I would like to say to those producers whom it reaches, how much I have appreciated the effort and realized the difficulties and hardships that must have been overcome before such great quantities of churning cream could be produced.

I also hope that in the very near future conditions will be such as will warrant the majority of cream producers investing the necessary money to procure more comfortable barns in which to produce more and better cream.

Hope for Eased Burden

The labor situation during the last six years has been very difficult. With a return to more normal times it is to be hoped that many of us older producers will be able to get the help that will ease our burden at chore time. Most of the young men returning from the army do not seem to be inclined at present to interest themselves in the Dairy Cow, having other ambitions meantime, ambitions which he hopes will not tie him to a grind so regular as the Dairy Cow, who must be attended morning and evening, in season and out of season, every day of the year.

Need More Favorable Treatment

Seldom does the consumer give credit or thanks or even think of the Cream Producer as the very essential link in the chain that must be maintained if he is to have his daily ration of butter on his table. If the consumer wants more butter instead of less, then he should, through his Board of Trade and Trade Union organizations, forward to Ottawa resolutions asking that more favorable treatment of Cream Producers be the future policy of the Government. The subsidy that has been paid during the last four years has been really a subsidy to the consumer. If this subsidy is removed in the future the consumer will find he will have to pay more for his butter.

Service to Humanity

To the Cream Producers who have worked so hard to maintain the quality and volume of butter that has been so much required during the war years by the rising generation of Canadians, I want to express my appreciation for a service rendered to humanity when it was greatly needed. Why not complete the circle and render to yourself a further service by co-operating with your neighbor, and ship your cream to the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool?

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Livestock Men Left on Limb, States Hugh W. Allen in Address

Western Livestock Men Must Insist on Clearer Statement of Government Policy

"The Dominion Government has done something in the development of a policy in respect to grain, but there has been a complete lack of any policy in respect to livestock, and the livestock men have been left out on a limb," Hugh W. Allen, President of the A.L.C., stated when he delivered his report to the annual meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture.

"If the Western Provinces are to retain their place, in the Canadian livestock production picture, they must insist on a clearer statement of government policy, than they have been able to secure," Mr. Allen added. "Ontario farmers are apparently pretty well satisfied with the encouragement given them to increase hog production and to finish beef. If the prairie farmer had been given the same treatment, production figures for hogs in the West would have been at a far different level from what they are today."

West Should Challenge View

If Ottawa's idea was that the Western farmer should go back to straight grain growing, and allow the hogs to be raised and the beef to be finished in Eastern Canada, that opinion should be challenged at once by Western livestock men; for "it is an axiom that cattle can be finished cheaper where the feed is grown than anywhere else—and the same rule applies to hogs." The speaker believed that we could double our hog production in the West if the prices of hogs were right in relation to grain prices.

It had been demonstrated that certain areas of Western Canada were better suited for large scale hog production than any other part of the Dominion.

Must Improve Quality

Dealing with cattle, Mr. Allen quoted a large packing company which had stated it might be necessary for Canada to "adjust her cattle population to the same principle as in the pre-war period, namely that of meeting domestic requirements for beef plus agreed shipments to the United States." If that forecast were accurate, and many stockmen were inclined to agree, then, said Mr. Allen, "our main hope in beef production is to improve the quality."

Ask Measures to Ensure Floor Prices for Poultry and Eggs—Adequate Level

On the ground that purchase of poultry products for export by the Special Products Board established by the Dominion Government "is the only protection to the producer to prevent egg prices dropping below the level of the export price when production exceeds domestic requirement", the annual meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture asked that the Board be continued; and further, "that it be empowered to establish floor prices at levels arrived at in consultation with recognized producer organizations."

Attention was called in the resolution to the fact that there has been a great increase in production of eggs and poultry throughout Canada, as a result of requests made by the Dominion authorities. "Experience has repeatedly shown in the last few years," states the resolution, "that domestic consumption of eggs is high and uniform at prices considerably above the export level"; while it is added that "the poultry producer most emphatically needs a price somewhat above the lowest price level prevailing in the last few years in order to remain solvent and in order to produce consistently even to the level of present domestic requirements."

It was further requested by the delegates that "all dairy and poultry products purchased by the Special Products Board or any government board, be bought on a flat price, grade and quality considered, in all Provinces of Canada; this to be achieved by the Dominion Government absorbing the freight to seaboard on these products."

Alberta had had the greatest increase in cattle population in 1945 of "any Province, but it must be admitted, he stated, that the percentage of poorly bred and poorly fed cattle was discouraging."

While Mr. Allen personally agreed that advantages were to be obtained through marketing beef on a rail grade basis, he thought the producer should go slow in asking for it, insisting first that some marketing authority should be set up—such as a Board of Livestock Commissioners or a Board enforcing a livestock marketing act which might be either Provincial or Dominion.

With reference to condemnation insurance, Mr. Allen expressed the opinion that if it were removed, packers would have to make deductions for other things.

Opposed Cross Breeding

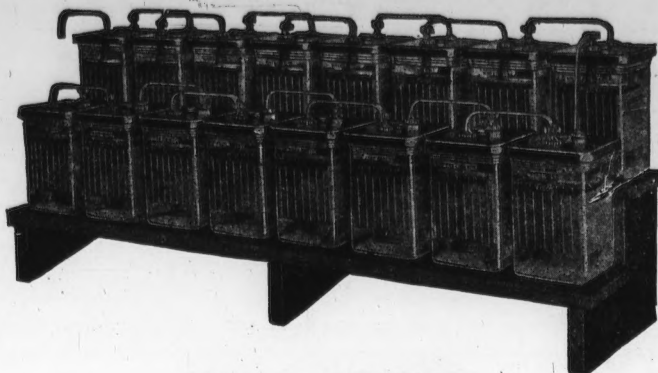
A resolution which was adopted (as reported in our last issue) on the subject of hogs, proposed research through types of hogs.

Roy Marler of Bremner opposed the proposal in the resolution which favored cross breeding. This, Mr. Marler said, would produce "a population of mongrels", and Hugh Allen pointed out there had been a wide production of one type of hog to capture the British market, and said it would be unwise to suggest any change now.

Carrying out of a systematic soil survey, beginning in the areas of known soil deficiencies, "if the number of persons resident there warrants it", was requested of the Dominion Government. It was asked that measures to correct the deficiencies should be taken, materials for a test plot being provided the farmer, and that "he be obligated to use it according to instructions."

With the object of increasing the effectiveness of the services which graduates in agriculture are rendering to Canadian farmers, the Agricultural Institute of Canada is pressing for Provincial legislation, throughout Canada, to place agriculturists on a professional basis. The Institute was formerly known as the "Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists."

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protection in extreme cold, delaying of growth in early spring, providing conditions favorable to bees (essential for cross-pollination of most fruits) and reduction in damage from sun scale. Fruits should not be planted closer than twenty feet to the shelterbelt, says Mr. Walker.

At the annual meeting of Haultain U.F.A., Carl Dahlberg was elected president, succeeding Max Sears, who retired after ten years of faithful service, reports G. L. Pritchard, secretary.

To U.F.A. Delegates and Members---

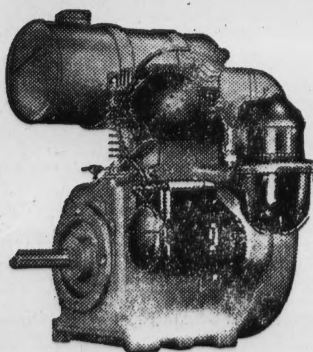
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WHAT FOLLOWS AMALGAMATION?

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taxes are collected. This is done by organizers canvassing the farmers and securing their signatures to requisitions authorizing the levying of their annual membership fee through the township tax collecting office. The membership fee is one-fifth of a mill on the farm assessment. This method of collecting membership fees has eliminated all the expense, energy and time spent in annual organizational campaigns to maintain an annual membership. In some farm organizations in other Provinces, this has been the major activity of a new board of directors, leaving them little time to devote to the real work of a

farm organization. In the Ontario plan any farmer can cancel his membership in the Federation by sending a written notice to the township council.

Summary.—The Ontario Federation of Agriculture has achieved outstanding success in building a strong farm organization containing the following features:

1. Has the support of all Provincial co-operative organizations.
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POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Dec. 20th.—Several Americans and anti-Nazi Germans killed in Bavaria; Nazi underground "Werewolves" believed responsible. Members permanent British armed forces to have pay increased to about double pre-war schedules.

Dec. 21st.—General Patton dead, following injuries in motor accident December 9th. Chinese Communist spokesman asks for armistice.

Dec. 22nd.—General Marshall reaches Chungking; sent by Truman to mediate in civil strife. Republican Indonesian troops to aid British in removal Jap troops from interior Java. House of Lords dismisses appeal of Joyce (Lord Haw Haw); death sentence to be carried out January 3rd.

Dec. 23rd.—Spanish guerillas seize mountain towns forty miles from Madrid, reported in London.

Dec. 24th.—Recognition Tito government in Yugoslavia announced in London, Washington. French cabinet agree on devaluation of franc. Britain to enlist aid of "politically acceptable" German scientists, states Cripps. Objective of British Government is "world government", to be achieved through strengthening of United Nations organizations, is London report.

Dec. 25th.—Better understanding of brotherhood of British people perhaps "most precious of gains that remain with us after these hard years," declares King George, in annual Christmas broadcast.

Dec. 26th.—Canada, United Kingdom, agreement on division transatlantic air traffic, announced. British to build up Hong Kong to pre-war strength as naval base. Admiral Keyes, founder British Commandos, dies in London. Montgomery says Canadians in his command were at "top of their form" in Ortona and Schelde Estuary actions.

Dec. 27th.—Agreement on measures for atomic control, by Big Three Foreign Ministers, announced by Byrnes, in Moscow; four-power rule for Japan also approved, is London report. Spanish "Freedom Radio" calls for resistance to Franco. Spain surrenders gold hoard in Nazi embassy at time of capitulation.

Dec. 28th.—Meyer sentenced to be shot; convicted on three counts in connection with death of Canadian prisoners of war. After fall of 1943, Hitler's greatest concern was Allied invasion of West coast of Europe, shown by military files.

Dec. 29th.—Apart from occupation army, only 12,000 Canadian troops

ious activities.

5. Has, in most cases, the active support of the rural press.

6. Has solved the membership problem.

7. Uses and supports to an increasing degree the farm radio forum.

8. Is developing trained leadership from the ranks of farm young people.

9. Has a well balanced program of activities designed to appeal to all members of a farm family.

10. Gives full support and assistance to the Canadian Federation of Agriculture with its national office in Ottawa.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture has a type of organization and a program of activities that should be studied by Alberta farm leaders. This is Alberta's opportunity to consolidate the farm movement on a basis that will bring worth while results in improving the working and living conditions of those who till the soil and live on the land.



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will remain overseas at year end. Franco's Spanish foreign policy kept German armies from crossing Spanish territory during war, claims Madrid despatch. Two thousand arrested in Palestine, in search for terrorists. Military leaders of Britain, U.S., Russia, France, China, to meet in January, to plan international force under U.N.O. Canadian casualties during Second Great War totalled 104,925, including 41,371 dead (casualties 190,092 including 62,817 dead, in First Great War).

Dec. 30th.—Big Three Moscow agreements should bring hope "to the war-weary peoples of many lands", declares U.S. State Secretary Byrnes. Hitler's will, dated April 29th, discovered; accuses Goering, Himmler, of "disloyalty to me".

Dec. 31st.—Russia abolishes war taxes, states Moscow radio. Martin Bormann, Hitler's former deputy, arrested in British zone, says Czech press.

Jan. 1st.—Alexander, Alan Brooke, Montgomery, Cunningham, Portal, made Viscounts in King's Honors List. Churchill given Order of Merit (earldom refused).

Jan. 2nd.—Nuremberg trials resumed; evidence shows Hitler had ordered no quarter to commandos.

C.A.D.P. SECTION

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ration of 4 ozs. was made for the Christmas week.

CHEESE.—Commencing 11th November, ration was increased from 2 ozs. to 3 ozs. per week.

COOKING FATS.—Commencing 11th November, ration increased from 1 oz. to 2 ozs. per week. In view of the decreased importation of lard from the U.S.A., part of the fat ration will be in the form of British-made Compound Cooking Fat.

MILK.—The weekly ration for non-priority consumers has been officially reduced to 2 pints.

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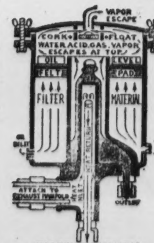
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"We shall hold festival.
Where we trod quietly, with sober look,
By poverty subdued,
We shall go in and out with joy."

It is so much better to let the verses speak for themselves that I give another quotation, this from "The First Frost of the Fall":

"What a fair summer!
What opulent showers!
How ardent the sun!
And now! this chilly dawn!
It is as though some brief sin
Had fouled forever a fair name."

Several of the poems appeared in *The U.F.A.* fifteen or twenty years ago; the first (now bearing the title "Summer Fever") in September, 1927. Many readers will remember its terse, vivid phrases: "Let us go out and look at the wheat . . . its green-gold waves sweep over me . . . the brown and ugly poverty of weeds and thistles . . . day succeeding day of summer winds . . ." Several were reprinted in other publications.

It is a matter of satisfaction to Mr. Priestley's friends, and to those interested in the literature of the West, that the poems have now been collected into this more permanent form.

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On behalf of the Spanish Refugee Appeal Committee of the city of Vancouver, I wish to acquaint your readers with the plight and drastic needs of the Spanish Republicans in France. There are about 100,000 Spaniards, women and children, the survivors of the 500,000 who were driven into exile, and who, with the coming of winter, are in a most desperate situation.

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Thousands of Spaniards who have been working as woodcutters in the Pyrenees through the summer, have been driven down by the cold. They are literally in rags, and are still wearing the patched and re-patched clothing they wore at the end of the Civil War. There will be very few Spanish Republicans still alive in France next Spring if we do not see that they have warm clothing and sufficient food this winter. They require immediate medical care, clothing, housing, and the intimate sense of fellowship and faith in human nature which comes with the realization that there are people in the world who are still interested in them. They have been stripped of everything except their courage.

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All lovers of democracy and of its advance against tyranny may materially assist our democratic friends, the Spanish Republicans in France, by contacting Mrs. M. Bladen, 4022 Perry Street, Vancouver, who will transfer any funds to the Spanish Refugee Appeal of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee in San Francisco. I have no hesitation, therefore, in urging any one in sympathy with the continued extension of democracy to actively support the Spanish Refugee Appeal Committee of this city.

Yours very truly,
(Rev.) ALFRED STIERNOTTE,
Minister, The Unitarian Church
of Vancouver.
1550 West Tenth Ave.

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"ha" paid in full". And, as these figures show, their sacrifice of treasure—of productive equipment of every sort—has been very high in proportion to the extent of their resources.

If our country had been despoiled as was that of our Ally, what Dorothy Thompson describes as "robbery" we might describe as "enforced restitution."

"It is certain that the refusal of the British and Russian peoples to accept what appeared to be inevitable defeat was the great factor in the salvage of our civilization."—General George Marshall.

WE SHOULD HELP HIM

Franco threatens to become "isolationist". We think he should have every assistance from the major powers in the rapid development of such a policy. They should isolate Franco Spain and save the General the trouble.

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suggestion is a reasonable one—at least it will be fair and reasonable if we can show that we are prepared for reciprocal admission of goods to Canada. Of course, we shall have to give it is announced.

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Christmas for all of you, I trust, was a day that will leave a pleasant memory to carry through the years, and but the beginning of a year which will be marked by much happiness for you and yours.

With these preparations past, in some homes there will be a further one. Some will be going to the U.F.W.A. Convention, and very busy that frequently makes the delegate. Possibly there is an extra stocking of the larder to put the ones who are left behind in a good humor and leave things so they will not miss Mother so much. Just here the query: Is that always wise? Wouldn't it be well sometimes to make them realize a little more the part Mother does take in the home?

Hairdresser, Perhaps, and New Dress

And there will be other preparations; perhaps the hair-dresser to be visited; the new dress to be given its final touch. And off they will go looking as if they didn't know the look of a cow or a hen when in reality their acquaintance is very intimate.

All will be looking forward to seeing and hearing the speakers and the officers. There may be different individual anticipations. Some will be looking forward to re-unions; some to making their first visit to the friendly gathering. They will probably have a realization that their family tree, in a sense, is more extensive than they realized. There will be different things in the city they want to see. And some, I am sure, will be looking forward to having a good honest-to-goodness bath!

There promise to be interesting speakers. Also some old-timers of resolutions will come up for discussion and some new ones. At this particular Convention a subject of more than usual importance is to come up and be discussed and decided. The women are going to be asked to change their name. It won't be the first time that very important decision had to be made by practically all the good ladies present. And one would gather that the majority considered it a wise step to take. Let us hope it will be the same in this case.

The two farm organizations in Alberta are to decide whether or not they will become one body. The Alberta Farmers' Union has already made its decision known. It is that the two organizations become a part of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture under plans acceptable to all three. Hitherto that body has been made up solely of organizations. They propose to take individual membership as well. We should thus have Alberta Federation of Agriculture locals, men's women's and juniors'.

That body is and would continue to be the Alberta unit of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. We should thus feel our family circle was extending, and that we were more intimately linked up with agriculture across the Dominion.

Personally, I hope that again the majority will decide to change their names. And may you all enjoy the Convention!

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Serving lunch at dances, assisting with school projects and looking after inoculation of children have been among the responsibilities assumed by Lower Beaver Lodge U.F.W.A. during the past year, writes Mrs. V. C. Flint, secretary.

Ask Pensions at Sixty

Setting forth that "the present system of old age pensions is a disgrace to our nation," and that "an old age pension commencing at the age of 60 would make more jobs for younger men," A.F.A. Convention delegates asked that pensions be made payable at that age, "without the necessity for a means test", and that the pensions be sufficient to provide "a high standard of living".

Dominion and Provincial Governments were asked to provide for pensions for the blind at any age "when a blind person may require same"; the present restriction to those who have been in Canada 20 years, in the Province five years, and whose age is over 40, to be removed.

Farm, Home & Garden

Spiced Oat-Raisin Pudding: Sift 1 cup flour with 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. each soda and cinnamon; add 1 cup rolled oats, 3/4 cup raisins, 1/2 cup finely chopped suet, 1 cup buttermilk. Steam 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Yorkshire Pudding: Sift 1 cup flour with a pinch of salt, and add 1 cup milk, beating to a smooth paste; add 2 eggs, well beaten; bake in greased pan; after it has risen, pudding should be basted with roast beef drippings.

Beefsteak and Kidney Pie: Cut into one inch cubes 1 lb. beef kidney and 1-1/2 lbs. beef (chuck, flank, neck, plate, round, rump, shank or stewing beef). Chop 1 medium onion, dredge meat with flour, brown well in 2 tbs. fat, and remove from pan; add 3 cups hot water, stir well; add this gravy to meat and onion; cover tightly and simmer until meat is tender—1-1/2 to 2 hours. Season with salt and pepper. Place in casserole, cover with biscuit dough, cutting slits to allow steam to escape; bake in hot oven until crust is browned.

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Jenny Cake and Sausage: Partially cook 12 small sausages in small amount water. Peel and slice one apple. Meantime, mix 1-1/4 cups flour with 3/4 tsp. baking soda, 1/2 tsp. salt, 3/4 cups uncooked farina (wheatlets) and 2 tbs. sugar. Beat 1 egg, add 1-1/4 cups buttermilk and 2 tbs. melted drippings, and combine with dry ingredients. Pour into greased baking dish. Arrange sausages and apple slices on top; bake in hot oven.

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Electrification in Rural Areas Is Urged on Alberta Government

Federation Asks That System Shall Be Publicly Owned and Publicly Operated

That the Alberta Government "Proceed immediately with the development of a comprehensive system of rural electrification, publicly owned and operated under the Provincial Power Commission along the same lines as the Ontario system," was urged in a resolution adopted by the Alberta Federation of Agriculture in annual general meeting.

Danger of Private Monopoly

The resolution, which had been sent forward from the A.F.U. Convention, set forth that the need for rural electrification in Alberta is very great; that any system of such electrification "must be comprehensive in scope and must deliver power to farmers at actual cost". It was further declared in the resolution that "any really comprehensive system of electrification under private ownership will tend to monopoly for private gain."

Action had been taken recently by a joint committee of the U.F.A. and A.F.U., which had made representations to the Alberta Government along the lines of the resolution, Henry Young of Millet explained. The need, he said, was very great; and he added, "We don't want a scheme merely for the best paying parts of the Province, with the others left out."

Cites Success in Ontario

"We can't have a system of half private and half public ownership, and we can't afford to turn over the control of so vital a public utility to the monopoly of a private concern." Mr. Young pointed out that Ontario had proved beyond question that public ownership under a commission could give the highest efficiency and service. It was such a system that Alberta needed.

While the Calgary Power Company had given good service to populated centres and areas, it had shown in the past that it did not want the business of farmers in general, though with the great increase in the number of adherents of public ownership, the company had become more anxious to develop electrification in a number of well-settled areas, stated Rudolph Hennig, of Fort Saskatchewan. Power for the farms, he contended, must be at rock bottom prices.

J. Fairweather, who farms west of Calgary, described efforts which had been made over a long period to get the company to provide farm service. The power line went right past the places of a number of farmers, and fifty per cent of them had petitioned for service, but for many years could get no action.

U.F.W.A. Local News

"Sunshine Friends" were revealed during the Christmas meeting of Cassils U.F.W.A.

Floral U.F.W.A. (Crossfield) plan to help the Red Cross hospital for crippled children during the present year.

Brooks U.F.W.A. are co-operating with the U.F.A. in holding a pot-luck supper in the Masonic Hall January 17th.

Sunniebend U.F.W.A. (Pibroch) are giving a prize to one of their members who attended all twenty of the meetings held in 1945.

A White Elephant Sale brought in \$57.10 for Jenny Lind U.F.W.A. (Scandia). At the last meeting plans were completed for the annual banquet.

Following a talk by Mrs. Winifred Ross on the proposed merger of farm

Seek \$50 Pension for All Over 60 Years Old

"The Canadian Pensions' Congress" was set up at a meeting in Saskatoon recently of representatives of Old Age Pensioners' organizations from various towns in Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia, with an executive composed of one representative appointed by affiliated bodies in each Province. The general objectives of the new body were stated to be the promotion of the welfare of the senior citizens of Canada, and that all men and women of Canada, sixty years of age, be granted a Dominion pension of \$50 per month, without means test or charge against estate.

organizations, there was a general discussion on the subject, at a recent meeting of Hillside U.F.W.A. (Millet).

By serving lunch at an auction sale, members of Starline U.F.W.A. earned \$45.28 for their treasury.

Griffin Creek U.F.W.A. arranged a Christmas party for the children of the district, sending a hamper to one family of four who could not attend the party because of their father's illness.

For the Christmas party arranged by Okotoks U.F.W.A., each member took a present, not to exceed fifty cents in cost, and these were later drawn for; games, contests, and pot-luck dinner made up the program.

The December meeting of Hazel Bluff U.F.W.A. (Westlock) took the form of a dinner meeting, at the home of Mrs. J. Kilback. Recently an emergency quilt was given to a family who had been burned out; a bazaar and tea was held, yielding \$35.71; and plans made to raise some money for the Jam-for-Britain fund.

Two homecoming parties, in honor of returning servicemen, have been held during the early winter by West High River U.F.W.A. and parcels

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have been sent to those still overseas. During the year, interesting papers have been contributed by Mrs. A. King, Mrs. F. Watt, Mrs. A. Hogg, Mrs. T. Weidenhamer, Mrs. C. King, Miss E. Randle, Mrs. F. Walker of Calgary, and Mrs. O. Douglas, Vulcan, the U.F.W.A. Director.

U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals, who are now moving from the district. The bazaar held by the U.F.W.A. realized \$65. to be used to buy some equipment for the new hospital in Ponoka.

Over \$60 was realized by Balzac U.F.W.A. from a social evening in the Balzac Hall, recently. Local talent provided a very enjoyable program, and a raffle was won by Mary Kibblewhite and J. Cowan.

Junior News

Scandia Junior U.F.A. at their last meeting chose a social committee, a membership committee, and a sports committee; and elected as officers Henry G. Borchers, Miriam Fosmark, Betty Ann Bloomquist and Dorothy Steventon.

A turkey dinner and a musical program were features of the recent annual meeting of Nanton U.F.W.A., and Thelma Doty, of Cayley, one of the first CWAC's to go overseas, was guest speaker, telling of some of her experiences in England and on the continent.

On behalf of Bismark U.F.W.A. (Lacombe), Mrs. W. Archibald recently made presentations to Mr. and Mrs. G. Hoar, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Bresee, charter members of the

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Some A.F.A. Decisions

After considerable discussion, delegates to the A.F.A. Convention tabled a resolution which set forth "that in order to protect the interests of agriculture and the general stability of the Canadian economy, the Federation of Agriculture should proceed to organize in the House of Commons of Canada a Farm Bloc similar to that in effect in the United States."

Other Resolutions

Other resolutions adopted asked the Provincial Government to create an experimental farm in the grey wooded soil area of Alberta; sought abolition of the Provincial tax on tractor fuel; also of the Dominion tax of 3 cents on tractor gas which was imposed as a war measure. An inquiry into meat price spreads between producer and consumer was called for. It was asked that barb wire be made available for farmers, and that pre-war quality be restored; it was recommended that an investigation be made into the capital structure of the C.N. and C.P. railways, with a view to "giving a per ton, per mile rate on the same classification all across Canada", as an adjustment of the freight rate structure to end

present discrimination against western farmers.

Reduction of the farm tractor license fee by 50 per cent was recommended; and the Dominion Government was asked to build a highway west of Winnipeg capable of carrying 20 ton trucks into Edmonton via Calgary.

Extension of P.F.A.A. Asked

Extension of the scope of the P.F.A.A. to "assure a proper insurance against crop failure caused by elements beyond the control of the farmer" was proposed, and it was asked that "the P.F.A.A. settlements be made on an individual basis instead of on a township basis." A resolution was passed "that this Convention set the 21st of July to be observed every year as a farmers' day." The Dominion Government was asked to lift restrictions on hitch hiking until travelling facilities become adequate.

In the U.S., between 1939 and 1945, incomes of corporations increased 266 per cent, while those of farmers rose 196 per cent, of small business firms 100 per cent, and of wage-workers 67 per cent. These figures are based on U.S. Department of Commerce figures, before deductions for taxes.

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The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
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Alberta Wheat Pool

At the commencement of 1946 it would appear that a tight situation exists in wheat throughout the world. Needs of importing countries during the present crop year range from 750 to 800 million bushels according to an estimate made by the United States department of agriculture. There is not that volume of wheat readily available in the four major wheat exporting countries—United States, Canada, Argentina and Australia.

The United States and Canada are in a position to provide about 650 million bushels of wheat for export according to the agricultural branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Argentina and Australia combined will be able to supply little better than 75 million bushels, making a total of 725 million bushels available.

Southern hemisphere crops, while better than last year, are substantially below average, estimated production being:

	1945 Estimated Production—bushels	1944 Production
Argentina.....	165,700,000	150,100,000
Australia.....	125,000,000	51,900,000

Total..... 290,700,000 202,000,000
On December 1st Canada had available for export or carryover a surplus of 253 million bushels. Up to that date exports from the Dominion totalled 154 million bushels.

Transport Difficult

The United States 1945 wheat crop is estimated at 1,123,143,000 bushels, the largest ever produced. Winter wheat is in good shape, being protected by snow. Nevertheless cash wheat is hard to obtain because farmers are holding supplies and also because railways facilities have been blocked. However, it is expected that there will be a loosening up during the forepart of 1946.

In the face of the generally tight situation with wheat the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference recommended that Canada's wheat acreage should be kept at 23,414,000. The explanation given for this is that meats, dairy and poultry products are just as badly needed as wheat, if not more so, and that it would be a mistake for Canada to plunge back into the wholesale production of wheat at the sacrifice of other agricultural efforts. Furthermore, it is believed that Europe will be more self-sufficient with regard to wheat during the coming year.

OTTAWA LETTER

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helping Canada. It would not be very surprising if the efforts of the delegation to London met with substantial success. It will be some time before the agriculture of Europe is rehabilitated to the point where it can meet the normal needs of the people. Britain itself is on extremely slim rations, and this belt tightening continues.

Food Situation on Continent

It is fairly evident that the food situation at the end of 1946 will still leave much to be desired in the continent which has undergone such suffering and such economic dislocation during the war years. It will take some time to get food supplies to anything like a normal basis, and if the purposes of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) are brought to fruition even in a comparatively limited sense, the marketing prospects should be far from dark, as even in normal times there are millions of people in Europe as elsewhere who have insufficient food. The aim of FAO is to assist in closing the gap.

Of very great interest as New Year opens is the retention by Canada of her position in the bacon market in Britain.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Dec. 31st.—The cattle market is active, with prices steady for quality offered. Hogs sold last \$16.45 Grade A, yards and plants; sows \$11.50, liveweight. Good lambs, \$12. Good to choice butcher steers \$11.50 to \$12, common kinds down to \$9.50; good to choice butcher heifers \$10.50 to \$11, common to medium down to \$8; good cows \$8.25 to \$9, common down to \$6.50. Canners, cutters, \$3.50 to \$6, good bulls \$7.50 to \$8, common to medium, down to \$6. Good to choice veal calves \$10 to \$11, common to medium down to \$8. Good stocker and feeder steers \$9.50 to \$10, common down to \$8.

Dairy Market

Production continues to be somewhat lower this season than last. Locally, prices are unchanged; prints are 36 cents, butterfat 33 plus 10 cents subsidy. Outside quotations are: Vancouver 36-1/2. Toronto and Montreal, 36.

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Program Suggested by Dean R. D. Sinclair

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Many Resolutions Adopted
by A.F.A.

Outlining a suggested program to build up an understanding of the requirements of a sound agriculture, and to increase the efficiency and usefulness of training in the agricultural field from the small locality "right up to the University". Dean R. D. Sinclair, head of the faculty of agriculture at the University of Alberta, speaking at the A.F.A. annual meeting, urged a course based upon the following departmentalized activities:

1. Public Relations, to keep the consuming public familiar with farm policies and problems; (2) International Relations; (3) Education, to "secure parity for agricultural education, so that agriculture shall receive a fair share of the educational budget"; (4) Research, to improve quality of farm products; (5) Economics, to which, said the Dean, "too much attention cannot be paid".

A total of 59 delegates, representing 36 farm organizations, attended the meeting, and also 17 visitors.

Uniformity of Curricula

That the various Provinces of Canada "co-operate in speedily creating uniformity of curricula", in schools throughout the Dominion, and also "in text books and teachers' professional standards and certification," was strongly urged by the delegates in a resolution which also asked grants to the Provinces for education from Dominion Government, which would thus obtain "some voice in the achievement of uniformity." The Alberta Government was asked to "finance education to the extent of at least 50 per cent of the cost of elementary and secondary education."

Income Tax Law Revision

Need for revision of Income Tax laws to put an end to "the gross unfairness" of their present application to farmers' incomes, was stressed in a resolution which the Canadian Federation of Agriculture was asked to bring to the notice of the Minister of Finance. The Minister was requested to make provision for representation of the C.F.A. in any study of this matter made by his Department. The delegates also asked the

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary

"How Important Is Rural Community Organization?" is the topic under discussion by the Farm Radio Forum on January 7th. This program will be followed by a broadcast from Edmonton on January 14th, entitled, "Are National Farm Organizations Effective?" The third broadcast of the series will come from London, Ontario, on January 21st, when the Canadian Federation of Agriculture will be holding its annual meeting. The topic on this occasion will be, "Do We Need an International Farm Organization?"

This series of broadcasts should prove to be very interesting, as all alert rural people are anxious to build and maintain strong local units of their Provincial and National farm organizations. It can be stated with emphasis that rural organizations are necessary. This necessity has been proven time and again throughout our rural areas during the last twenty or even the last ten years.

The lack of capable and enthusiastic leadership, along with planned programs and works projects seem to be the stumbling block confronting many local organizations. Active participation in the Farm Radio Forum will be helpful to the local. It supplies a program of interest in which the farm people can take part without a great deal of planning or preparation. It opens up many avenues of interest for discussion. It gives the listeners a chance to apply the topic under discussion to their own particular conditions. Lastly, it suggests many action projects that can be undertaken by the local for the benefit of its members.

Action projects can cover a wide range of interests, from health surveys, as was brought out in the Farm Radio series before the New Year, to social and entertaining projects. Improvement of farm practices and home surroundings should be on the program of every farm organization.

A recent statement from the Board of Grain Commissioners stated that the number of car loads of smutty wheat in Alberta increased from forty-nine in 1942-43 to 356 in 1944-45. Such a condition should not be tolerated by a rural farm organization. This is only one of many examples of improvement projects that should be undertaken by your local.

Thus local organizations are important.

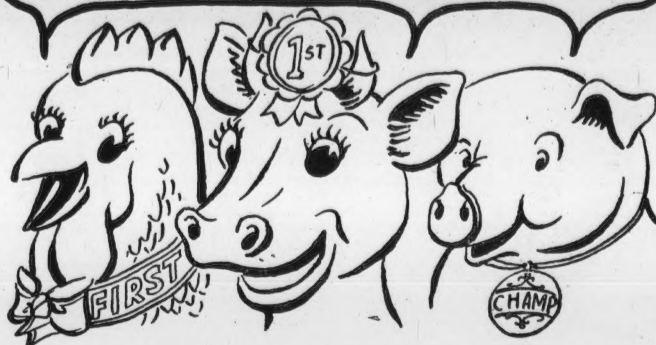
A.F.A. to set up a standing committee to work with the C.F.A. in preparing representations to the Minister.

A resolution endorsing a memorandum on income tax by the Dominion Department of Agriculture and Council of Canadian Beef Breeders, asking that tax for farmers be based on an average of five years' profit and loss, and that breeding stock be recognized as capital, was carried.

Change in the Income Tax was asked to provide for a board of arbitration to which appeal could be made by any taxpayer who felt he had a grievance, this board to include representatives of organized agriculture, labor and industry, selected by the organizations concerned.

The delegates urged the Dominion Department of Agriculture and Health of Animals branch to make every effort to meet the shortage of trained veterinarians, "by co-operating more closely with Provincial veterinarians; by arranging for services of private practicing veterinarians, and by increasing the salaries of these men to encourage younger men to enter the profession." Action taken by the Provincial Department of Agriculture in issuing scholarships to young men studying for a degree in veterinary science, was commended, and co-operation between Provincial and Dominion authorities in handling blood testing work in rush seasons was urged.

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The annual convention of the Alberta Dairymen's Association will be held in Edmonton, February 12th to 14th.

A new U.F.A. Local was organized recently at Empress, with Mike Belcher as secretary.

Wheat Graded Smutty Doubles

The number of cars of wheat graded smutty during the 1944-45 crop year was more than double that for the previous crop year, points out W. O. S. Meredith, of the staff of the Board of Grain Commissioners, as quoted in a recent bulletin of the Line Elevators' Farm Service. This increase may reflect to some extent the shortage of farm labor, but, he says, it is imperative that farmers become aware of the simplicity and effectiveness of seed treatment in preventing the yield losses caused by smut. Alberta has the doubtful honor of having the greatest increase in smutty wheat, with 336 in the last crop year, compared with 95 in 1943-44, and 49 in 1942-43.

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Right now the City Council is bothered over what kind of transportation service to give the villagers.

It happens that the powers that be can't decide for themselves whether the city shall have a bus or trolley service in the future. What it has now, of course, isn't a service at all—just something with which to block the traffic.

Incidentally, the convention is bound to get a civic welcome, but don't let Watson give you needle.

Oh, well, the Christmas and New Year spirit won't have died down by the time you get there, so you can hope for the best.

Cynical Gus tells us that a gal doesn't need to be a violinist to get her chin music across.

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We gather from a report in the Calgary *Albertan* that the material in this year's bathing suits will be immaterial.

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According to Senator Homer T. Bone, it cost each of the warring nations not less than \$50,000 to kill one man during the war. And yet a lot of politicians tell us that we can't afford decent old age pensions to keep men alive.

There's one good thing about getting up early, says Knotty Frankie, it gives you more time to loaf.

That's as may be, chortles the Bad Egg from Crow's Nest, but we Break-fast-in-bed guys know that half a loaf is better than none.

We see where Jennifer Jones, cinematress of the "Song of Bernadette", has been divorced from Robert Walker, Juvenile movie actor of "The Clock". So the "Song of Bernadette" must have been a dirge that stopped the clock.

Or maybe we should regard the divorce as a good wind-up.

And the question arises, suggests Chuck of Chuckawalla, should a guy who has been divorced and married again be allowed more than one wife by the Income Tax Department.

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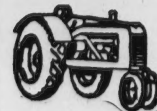
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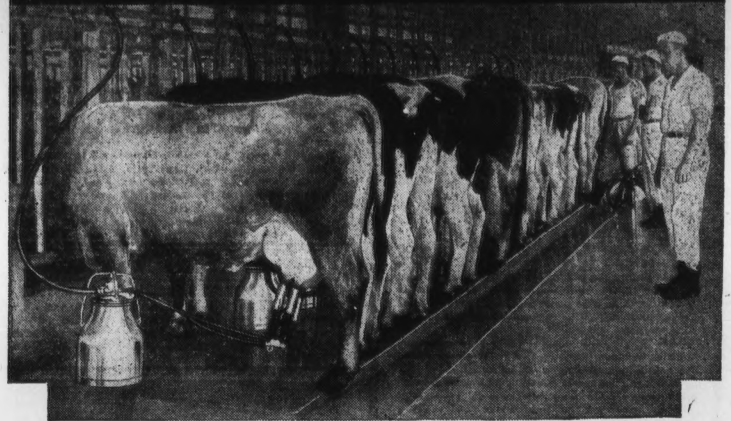
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